

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1924-01
Bill No.: SB 478
Subject: County Clerks: Elections, Absentee Ballot
Type: Original
Date: March 8, 2001

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

This fiscal note contains 3 pages.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials of the **Office of Secretary of State** stated this proposal would have no fiscal impact to their office. Officials stated that not all County Clerks have fax machines.

Officials of the **Kansas City Board of Election Commissioners** stated that their Board already accepts absentee applications by fax, therefore, there would be no fiscal impact.

Officials of the **Camden County Clerk's Office** assumes that they would have to purchase a fax machine if this proposal would pass. Officials estimated cost at \$2,940.

Oversight assumes that County Clerks would not be required to comply with this legislation if they did not have a fax machine. Therefore, Oversight assumes no state or local fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
	\$0	\$0	\$0

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

DESCRIPTION

This bill requires election authorities to accept absentee ballot applications by facsimile transmission if it is within the limits of their telecommunications capacity. Under current law, this acceptance is within the election authority's discretion.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Secretary of State
Kansas City Board of Election Commission
Camden County Clerk

NOT RESPONDING

St. Louis County Board of Election Commission, and the County Clerks of: Atchison, Pettis, Franklin, Cape Girardeau, Adair, Taney, and Jasper Counties



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